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160 METERS NEWS. It has been reported that effective **April 1st**, JAs will be able to use **1810-1825 kHz** in addition to their current privileges on 1907.5-1912.5 kHz.

3B6, AGALEGA ISLAND (Update). As reported in OPDX.445, preparations for a 16 day operation in October continues to be on schedule. There has been 17 operators mentioned with possibly one or two more added. According to their Web site, the licence and the landing permission will be issued in mid-March in Mauritius (3B8). A team member will be flying to 3B8 within a week to make further preparations. More details and information are available at their great looking Web page at: <http://www.agalega2000.ch>

CE0Y, EASTER ISLAND. Vladislav/G0KBO and his brother Victor/UA6AF will be active as **CE0Y/G0KBO** and **CE0Y/UA6AF** from **February 22 through March 2nd**. QSL direct to G0KBO for both call signs at: 16 Birchfield House, Birchfield Street, London E14 8EY, England. QSL can also be via the bureau as well as E-mail requests will be confirmed via respective bureaus. Use the E-mail address: vic@morflot.ru

CE0Y, EASTER ISLAND. The "DX News Letter" reports that Willy, ON5AX, will be active as **CE0Y/ON5AX** during his evenings on 14020 and 14120 kHz. QSL via ON5AX, Willy Dellaert, Leemstraat 95, B-2910 Essen.

CE0Z, JUAN FERNANDEZ. Just a reminder (refer to OPDX.445), look for the following German operators DL2OAP, DL3DXX, DL7UFN, DK1BT and DK7YY to be active as **CE0ZY** now **through February 29th**. They will have two stations active on 160-10 meters on CW and RTTY, with some SSB and PSK31. This group does have special permission for 30 meters. QSL via the bureau or direct to DK7YY, P.O. Box 700343, D-10323 Berlin.

EM, UKRAINE. The Ukrainian National Team UARL HQ-2000 will take part in the **2000 IARU HF World Championship** as **EM0HQ**. Activity will be from the base station UR4MZL. The team's Chief is Vladimir Grushevskiy (UX2MM) and Manager is Alexander

Shevchenko (UR5EAW).

FH, MAYOTTE. By the time you read this, Christian, 6W1QV, should have arrived in **Mamoudzou**. He hopes to be active as **FH/TU5DX** for the **next 6 months**. He will use an IC-706 and R-7000. QSL via F5OGL, Didier Senmartin, DASC, BP 19, F-35998 Rennes Armees, France.

FO/C, CLIPPERTON ISLAND (OOOPSS!!). Sorry, this one got by me (editor), but for those who could not figure out why the URL address in last week's bulletin for the "Clipperton2000 DXpedition" Web site did not work, it was missing a very important colon (:) in the address. The URL address should be: <http://www.qsl.net/clipperton2000/>

IOTA NEWS.....

- **AF-NEW.** Dennis, ZS4BS, SARL HF Manager, informs OPDX that an IOTA DXpedition is being planned to **Elephant Rock** off the West Coast of South Africa. Elephant Rock Island straddles the 31 degrees south line of latitude and thus the callsign will be **ZS31ER**. The expedition is planned for the period of **March 26th-April 1st**. An IOTA reference number will be issued when the operation is active. More detail to follow.
- **AF-054.** Bert, PA3GIO, will be active as **5H3/PA3GIO** from **Mafia Island**, Tanzania, beginning **June 18/19th through 24th**. He will be operating on the IOTA or DX frequencies (only SSB) 80/40/20/ 17/15/12/10 meters using a Kenwood TS-50 w/100 watts into a Doublet. QSLs are preferable by the Bureau to PA3GIO. For more info, check Bert's Web pages at: Website USA: <http://www.qsl.net/pa3gio/5H3/> Website Netherlands: <http://www.xs4all.nl/~pa3gio/5H3/>
- **AF-063.** Bert, PA3GIO, will be active as **5H1/PA3GIO** from **Pemba Island**, Tanzania, beginning **June 25/26 through July 1st**. He will be operating on the IOTA or DX frequencies (only SSB) 80/40/20/ 17/15/12/10 meters using a Kenwood TS-50 w/100 watts into a Doublet. QSLs are preferable by the Bureau to PA3GIO. For more info, check Bert's Web pages at: Website USA: <http://www.qsl.net/pa3gio/5H1/> Website Netherlands: <http://www.xs4all.nl/~pa3gio/5H1/>
- **AS-032.** Takeshi, JI3DST, will be active from **Oosumi Archipelago** (Tanega-Shima) (Nishinoomote-City Kagoshima) **February 26-28th**, as **JI3DST/6** and **7N3UXO/6**. Look for activity on 40/17/15/12/10 meters SSB. QSL via the JARL Bureau (Bureau is the BEST) or direct (1 IRC is best, Please don't send USD.) to: Takeshi Funaki, 2-18-26 Hannan-cho Abeno-ku Osaka-city, OSAKA 545-0021 JAPAN
- **EU-040.** (Update) Pedro, CT1EKY, who is going to **Berlenga Island** for one week, starting **February 29th** (lasting **until March 6th**), will now use the callsign **CQ7B**. QSL via DIRECT to CT1EKY. A Web page is available at: <http://planeta.clix.pt/ct1eky/index.html>
- **EU-084.** A Stockholm team of operators consisting of SM0MDG, SM0MLZ, SM0NOR, SM0UXX and SM0VFE will make a REAL and serious expedition from **Uto island** in the Baltic Sea. Operation will be from **March 3-5th**. They are hopeful to be able to give many a new island and state, "The expedition has already a budget far beyond 1000 USD, so we are going seriously into this expedition from the historically and culturally interest..." The team will sign **7S0I** and will be active on as many bands as possible, primarily 40/20/15/10 meters on the IOTA frequencies + / - QRM. There will be an award available to those working them on 3 bands or more. Exact rules for applying will

be available soon. Check the following Web site for updates and details at:

<http://www.qsl.net/7s0i/> You can also send for info via the E-mail address: 7s0i@qsl.net
QSL via SM0UXX via bureau, or direct - Erik Beckman, PL 146, SE-17998, Farentuna, Sweden

J6, ST. LUCIA. A member of the Southeastern DX Group (SDXG) Steve, K4WA, will be active from **March 5-12th**. He has applied for **J68WA**, but may be active as **J6/K4WA**. Most activity will be on WARC and low bands, and mostly CW, operating barefoot with wire antennas. QSL to K4WA direct via the new QRZ address, or via the bureau. Direct address: Steven R. Schmidt, 1002 Rocky Bayou Drive, Niceville, Florida 32578.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- Eduardo, **CO8LY**, states that he worked more than 600 stations in the CQ WPX RTTY Contest. He states to QSL ONLY direct to his QSL Manager EA7ADH with the proper IRCs or USD.
- Steve, K8WK, reports that the QSL cards for his **HI8/K8WK** operation (December 1999-Jan 2000 DR) have been received from the printer and are being processed. The first batch of foreign cards have already been sent. The cards are being processed as FIFO (First In First Out). Non-U.S. cards without return postage are being returned via bureau.
- Gunter, DL3XM, informs OPDX that a log search is available for **PY0FZM** and **3B8/DL2HZM** on his Web homepage at: <http://www.qsl.net/dl3xm/> (Just click the button "DX+QSL") He also mentions that after receiving the 3B8/DL2HZM logs, all the direct QSLs and bureau QSLs (incoming during the last 4 months) are now done. Please note, for direct QSLs Gunter's address is only good in the 1997 callbook (and after). For callbooks before 1997, use his old callsign DL8WXM. Sending cards to DL2HZM will only delay you in receiving your QSL.
- Luke/PT7WA, Elisio/PT7BZ, Etevaldo/PT7NK and Nilo/PY2VA made a short last minute trip this past week to Fernando de Noronha Island signing **homecall/PY0F**. Their length of stay is unknown and Luke, PT7WA, states earlier in the week that this would not be a DXpedition, but they would try to be on the air as time permits. They were last heard on February 16th. QSLs via their home callsigns and via the Bureau is OK.
- Larry, RW3GU, reports to OPDX that the logs are now available online for the "MILLENNIUM DX PEDITION-2000" at: <http://rrc.sc.ru/eng/log.htm> At the RRC site, you will find logs for: **R3CA/am**, **KC4/R3CA** - South Pole; **CE9/R3CA** - Antarctic Base "Patriot Hills"; **R3RRC/ant** - Antarctic Base "Patriot Hills"; **CE8/R3CA** - SA-050 (January 2000) and **CE8/R3CA** - Punta Arenas, Chile (December 1999). Photos of the "MILLENNIUM DX PEDITION- 2000" are also available for viewing at: http://rrc.sc.ru/ce9_r3ca.htm The "Russian Robinson Club" (RRC) also has special plaques available for 25 USD for QSOs with the "MILLENNIUM DX PEDITION-2000" (CE9/R3CA or KC4/R3CA or R3CA/ANT/m) and the "RRC-South Pole-2000" (R3RRC/ANT) operations. The both plaques are a wooden plank 20x15 cm. on a metallic base and can be obtained from the Plaque Manager RW3GW (via DL6ZFG, Rolf Rahne, P.O. Box 15, D-39241, Gommern, Germany).
- Hazel, **TN7OT** (home call AL7OT), is back home in Alaska after a year in Africa and is finishing up the QSLing for TN7OT. Please Note: The address in the callbooks for AL7OT is no longer valid. The NEW TN7OT (op: AL7OT) address for QSLing is: Hazel Schofield, 35765 Ryan Lane, Soldotna, Alaska 99669

- Alfredo, **HC1HC**, who was active on 10 meters ONLY in the ARRL CW Contest should be QSLed via NE8Z.
- QSL **ZK2CA** and **ZK2/K7CA** via NW7O, Jim Frye, 4120 Oakhill Ave. Las Vegas, NV 89121-6319
- QSL **ZK2VF** and **ZK2/W7TFV** via W7TVF, Bill Dawson, P O Box 4049, Pahrump, NV 89041
- QSL **PW2A**, active in the CQ/RJ WW WPX RTTY Contest, via PT2BW at: Ariosto Rodrigues de Souza, P.O. Box 03821, 70084-970 Brasilia, DF - BRAZIL. Bureau QSL are OK.
- QSL **OG6Y** from last weekend's ARRL CW Contest via OH6YF. The operator was Harry, OH6YF/OH0MYF/M0BYF, who was using this special callsign for his 15 meter single band effort.
- Cesar, PY2YP, reports that the **AX0LD** QSLs have already been printed and are ready to be mailed. He will start mailing as soon as he receives the log. He also mentions that the CWSP Web page has been updated with FAQs about the donations to the "Children's Cancer Hospital". Please stop by at: <http://www.qsl.net/cwsp/indexen.htm>

S2, BANGLADESH. By the time you read this, Andy, G4ZVJ, will be QTH as **S21VJ** from **Dhaka**. He is scheduled to leave on **February 21st**. QSL via G4ZVJ.

SPECIAL EVENT. Look for special event station **VI3GP** to be activated **March 9th** at 1200z, in conjunction with the running of the **Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix** in **Melbourne**, Australia. QSL via the VK3 Bureau or Direct to: Eastern and Mountain District Radio Club Inc., P.O. Box 87, Mitcham 3132, Victoria, Australia (with SAE and sufficient return postage). If insufficient postage is received, the special QSL card will be returned via the Bureau.

SPECIAL OPERATION. Willy, ON4CHP, informs OPDX that he will put on a special operation from Friday, **March 31st** through Sunday, **April 2nd**, from the **Allied WWII landing beaches of Normandy, France**. He will sign **ON4CHP/P** on 40/20/ 15/10 meters with 100 watts. On Saturday, he will be active from one of the American beaches, probably the most well-known "OMAHA" (otherwise UTAH). On Sunday, he will be from the GOLD beach, which was one of the British landing zones. QSL via bureau or direct is ok. Willy states, "If the conditions will be ok, the activation could give some fine QSOs with the older American, Canadian and British OM's to whom we Europeans owe so much."

SY2, MOUNT ATHOS. Veronica, IK3ZAW, has informed OPDX that Monk Apollo has applied for and received the special callsign, **SY2A**, to celebrate his **10th anniversary of activity** on the bands as the only licensed operator on Mount Athos. Expect to hear him with the special callsign on all bands and modes **now through December 31, 2000**. Further news is forthcoming.

V4, ANTIGUA. Larry/W1LR and Bill/W4WX, of the Florida DXPedition Group (FDXPG), will be active from here **February 22-29th**. Look for them on 10-20 meters on SSB, CW and RTTY. They will sign **V2/W1LR** and **V2/W4WX**. QSL via the bureau or direct to home callsign.

V7, MARSHALL ISLANDS. Bruce, AC4G, who is active as **V73CW** from here, was active this past weekend in the **ARRL CW Contest** with the special callsign **V7G**. He mentions that he will be going QRT in about 3 weeks and suggests to QSL via AC4G. Look for him to

continue to be active until he leaves, especially on the lower bands.

VC7, CANADA. "The 59(9) DXReport" states to look for special event station **VC7AIR** to be active **until March 10th** to commemorate the **Y2K Balloon Event**. So far no QSNs have been reported on the PacketCluster Networks.

VK9C, COCOS-KEELING ISLAND (IOTA OC-003). Bert, PA3GIO, will be active as **VK9CQ** possibly **August/September of 2000** (Exact dates are pending on flight schedule). His activity will be on the IOTA or DX frequencies (only SSB) 80/40/20/17/15/12/10 meters using his Kenwood TS-50 w/100 watts into a Doublet. For more info, check Bert's Web pages at: Website USA: <http://www.qsl.net/pa3gio/VK9CQ/> Website Netherlands: <http://www.xs4all.nl/~pa3gio/VK9CQ/>

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISLAND (IOTA OC-002). Bert, PA3GIO, will be active as **VK9XV** possibly **August/September of 2000** (Exact dates are pending on flight schedule). His Activity will be on the IOTA or DX frequencies (only SSB) 80/40/20/17/15/12/10 meters using his Kenwood TS-50 w/100 watts into a Doublet. For more info, check Bert's Web pages at: Website USA: <http://www.qsl.net/pa3gio/VK9XV/> Website Netherlands: <http://www.xs4all.nl/~pa3gio/VK9XV/>

VK0MM - "INPUT REQUESTED". Alan, VK0MM, informs OPDX and others that he is looking for a way for "maximizing the number of stations needing Macquarie Island as a new country, irrespective of band or mode." He reports that his logging software indicates that the same call signs are starting to crop up time and time again on different bands and different modes. These, he states, are usually the "59++" variety and the average guy with 100w and a vertical has much less of a chance of breaking through, especially on SSB. There are many who have worked VK0MM four or five times in different combinations of band/mode/callsign. The bottom line is that as a single operator, Alan can only work one band and mode at a time. The question he poses to the greater amateur radio population out there is: "What is more equitable, fairer all round, efficient?"

1,000 QSOs with 1,000 different stations, each of whom is happy having worked a new country or 1,000 QSOs with maybe 300 to 500 stations, each of whom works VK0MM in one or more different combinations of bands and modes ??

Any comments, opinions, two-cents worth etc etc would be welcome. Alan will be off the ANARE station until around the end of the month working at the other end of the island and will read any comments on his return to base. The last supply ship of the year will be arriving fairly soon. This supply ship will bring Alan a new iambic keyer and a linear to use as he is settling in for the winter. Alan states, "I'd like to get an operating strategy in place by then and will base it on the wishes of the majority." Alan's (VK0MM) E-mail address is: vk0mm@yahoo.com

WANT TO TRAVEL TO RUSSIA? Guy Shields, W4GBU, reports that the "Friendship Force" in Atlanta, GA, is organizing a "Radio Amateur Operator Trip to Russia" to meet with and stay with Russian Hams for about a week. You will be able to operate with them and learn Russian DXing/Contesting techniques as well as visit Red Square, the Kremlin, shop for old Soviet radios, etc..... If you are interested in going to Russia, see details at: <http://w4gbu.home.mindspring.com> Then, click on the "Trip to Russia" line. This should prove

to be an exciting trip for all Radio Amateurs...

XW, LAOS. Hiroo, JA2EZD, in Vientiane, has once again received the license/callsign **XW2A**. He states that this XW2A license will be effective **until May 5th** and is licensed for all bands/modes, 24 hours. Hiroo will be using a Kenwood TS-570S and a Yaesu FT-840 with Cushcraft beam antennas and dipoles for 7/18/24 MHz. He will mount a 50 MHz 4element Yagi (20m up) on top of a water tower. He has been heard on 40/17/12/10 meters CW/SSB at various times between 2200 and 0430z. QSL via: Hiroo Yonezuka, P.O.Box 2659, Vientiane, Laos (but requests 2 IRCs for printing QSL and quick return by air mail). Hiroo hopes to have photos of his station at XW2A, soon on his Web page at the URL address: <http://qth.com/dxshack/> His E-mail address is: JA2EZD@wwdx.net

YM, TURKEY (Special Prefix). Bulgarian radio amateurs, Valeri/LZ2CJ and Tzvetalin/LZ2FV have been invited by Berkin/TA3J and Nilay/TA3YJ to stay in Izmir and Manisa, Turkey between **March 22-29th**. LZ2CJ and LZ2FV will be active on all bands from TA3YJ's QTH in Turkey. LZ2CJ, LZ2FV, TA3J, TA3YJ and Yasar/TA3D will participate in the **"43rd Annual CQ World-Wide WPX Contest (SSB)"** at TA3YJ's QTH, Manisa (Spylios Mountain-Turgutalp Village - 1000 Meters above sea level) on **March 25-26th**, with the callsign, YM3LZ in a Multi-Operator/Single-Transmitter category. The special callsign **YM3LZ** was issued with the permission from "Izmir Directorate Of Radiocommunications" (dated February 14th). This joint activity, by Turkish and Bulgarian radio amateurs will show the friendship between these two countries, and it will also help for the development of amateur radio activities. QSL via TA3YJ: Nilay Mine Aydogmus, P.O. Box 876, 35214 Izmir, Turkey.

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<http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/opdx.html>

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<http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/nodxa.html>

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